(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 14th February, 1986 under the caption 'Indian Airlines: era of shortage';

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that no additional aircraft has been acquired by the Indian Airlines during the last four years; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take to meet the growing demands of passenger traffic in metropolitan cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news item deals mainly with the shortage of aircraft capacity in Indian Airlines, problems likely to arise due to the leased aircraft having different systems and the reported development of snags in the engine selected for the Airbus A 320 aircraft.

The aircraft capacity will be adequately catered to by the proposed induction of Airbus A 320 aircraft and interim leasing of the Airbus A 300 and B 737 aircraft. The fear about the leased aircraft creating problems on account of having different systems is unfounded as the aircraft will be accepted only after exercising due care. The performance of the IAE V2500 engine during the demonstration test conducted so far is reported to be close to the projection made.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Indian Airlines has plans to augment its aircraft capacity by induction of 19 Airbus A320 aircraft during the year 1989-90. The capacity requirement in the intervening period is proposed to be met by leased A300 and B737 aircraft.

Officials of the Indian Airlines and Air India of doubtful integrity

1095. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of officials of the Indian Airlines and Air India who have been found inefficient and whose integrity was found doubtful; and

(b) what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Government have not received lists of any such officials from the Air Corporations in the recent past.

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1096. श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल: क्या परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ महीने पहले रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री ने रतलाम में घोषणा की थी कि सज्जन मिल रोड़ पर उपरिपुल का निर्माण किया जायेगा, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस उद्देश्य के लिए कितनी राशि स्वीकृत की गयी है और इस संबंध में की गयी प्रगति का ब्यौरा क्या है ?